

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-30 are currently pending.

Claims 1-9 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 10-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

**Applicant's Response**

Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy he extended during the interview which took place on May 21, 2007 for the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's helpful comments have been followed as described below in order to move this case forward.

In this Response, Applicant amends claims 1 and 30 and address the Examiner's rejections. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the application and Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution and do not constitute an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant's silence with regard to the Examiner's rejections of the dependent claims constitutes a recognition by the Applicant that the rejections are moot based on Applicant's Remarks relative to the independent claim from which the dependent claims depend. Applicant reserves the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or a subsequent application. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-30 are pending.

Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections of record and respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-30.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-9 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,654,261 to Gudjonsson et al. (“Gudjonsson”).

Claims 11-19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gudjonsson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,505 to Suder et al. (“Suder”).

Claims 10, 20, and 22-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gudjonsson in view Suder and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,832 to Forslow.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 30 as discussed in the telephonic interview with the Examiner to further clarify the invention without relinquishing any subject matter. Claims 1 and 30 now recite “a single unified end-user network appliance” and “a network controller subsystem coupled to said packet data network for establishing point-to-point communications.” As discussed in the interview, the claims are now patentable over Gudjonhsson, Suder, and Forslow, either alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicant traverses the Examiner’s rejections of claims 1-9 and 30 and 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a), respectively.

**CONCLUSION**

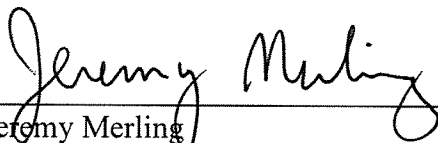
In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-30 is respectfully solicited. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. In the event that the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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